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The Administration's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 budget proposes a 25 percent reduction to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program, which was enacted in 1974, has provided the Los Angeles Urban County with funding for vital housing and community and economic development programs for the past 32 years. However, over the last several years, the County's CDBG allocation has steadily decreased due to reductions in federal appropriations and increases in the number of set-asides. Since FFY 2001, CDBG Program formula funding has declined from \$4.4 billion to \$3.7 billion in FFY 2006.

The Administration's FFY 2007 budget proposes to cut formula grants by 25 percent, which would result in a devastating impact on the low- and moderate-income residents served by the Program. We urge Congress to fund CDBG formula grants in FFY 2007 at a level of at least \$4.3 billion.

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Over the past five years, CDBG funds in the Urban County have been used to rehabilitate over 8,500 housing units, create and preserve over 2,060 jobs, remove over 41 million square feet of graffiti, and help provide loans and technical assistance to over 7,000 small businesses among other programs.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Support retention of the CDBG Program in its current structure within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
2. Support funding the CDBG formula Program in FFY 2007 at a level of at least \$4.3 billion in FFY 2007;
3. Instruct the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to work with the County's Washington advocates, County's Congressional Delegation, national organizations, cities, and community-based organizations, to support the County's positions on the CDBG Program; and
4. Send a five-signature letter communicating the County's positions on the CDBG Program to the County's Congressional Delegation, the President, and the chairs and ranking minority members of Congressional committees and subcommittees with jurisdiction over the program.